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In re application of

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. JP-A-6-173041

2. JP-A-61-138253

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Notification of Reasons for Refusal issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2000-177964 dated February 9, 2010), together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Additionally, Applicant

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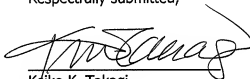
submits herewith a computer-generated English language translation of JP 6-173041 and an English language abstract of JP 61-138253.

Applicant notes that JP 8-115897 and JP 8-115896, cited in the Japanese Notification of Reasons for Refusal enclosed herein, were previously submitted in Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 15, 2006 and August 7, 2009, respectively.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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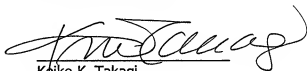
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making a reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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